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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ryo KURODA et al.) : Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
Application No.: 10/648,317) : Group Art Unit: 1756
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For: NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD) : Allowed: January 12, 2006
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PHOTOMASK (As Amended))

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LETTER TRANSMITTING CORRECTED REPLACEMENT DRAWING SHEET

Sir:

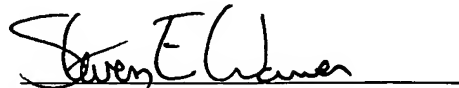
Transmitted herewith is one (1) formal drawing sheet, corrected Figure 10, to be substituted for the corresponding drawing sheet currently on file in the above-identified application.

Figure 10 incorporates the change required by the Examiner in the Notice of Allowability dated January 12, 2006. Specifically, Applicants have labeled Figure 10 as -- PRIOR ART --.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Warner", is written over a horizontal line.

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FIG. 10
PRIOR ART

